(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being contemplated to prevent such instances in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) As informed by the National Commission for Women, there have been in increase in recent years in the number of Indian women marrying NRIs and foreigners. In several cases, the family of bride and the bride herself are put to severe trauma as these marriages, they realize, have been marriges of convenience. Several cases of desertion and problem of custody of children have also been noticed.

(c) Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs had informed that in information booklet for the guidance of the prospective wives and their families is being prepared by them. In the State of Punjab, where the problem of NRI marriages exists, the State Government informed that they are contemplating enactment of a legislation on marriage with NRIs. They have also constituted a NRI Cell in the office of Director General of Police, Punjab to provide legal and counselling services for prospective brides.

Utilization of education cess

465. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 2 per cent education cess has yielded Rs. 5010 crore and it is likely to touch Rs. 10,000 crore in 2005-06 but his Ministry has no idea where the money is parked;

(b) whether it is a fact that this money is funding key components of elementary education the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the ten year old Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS); and

(c) if so, the amount spent on these two schemes so far and how Government propose to spend the remaining amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to the Receipts Budget 2005-06, estimated receipts from the Education Cess are as following:

RE 2004-05 Rs. 5010 crores
BE 2005-06 Rs. 6975 crores

The proceeds of the cess are to be utilized exclusively for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the Mid-Day Meal Scheme.

(c) After imposition of the Education Cess through the Finance (No. 2) Act, 2004, following amounts have been allocated for programmes of this Department through First Supplementary Estimates 2004-05:—

(i) For Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (allocated to the Department of EE&L) Rs. 2000 crores.

(ii) For Mid-Day Meal Scheme to meet expenditure on the newly introduced component of assistance to meet cooking cost (Allocated to Ministry of Finance for being given to States as Additional Central Assistance) Rs. 1232 crores.

During 2005-06, the BE for SSA and MDMS is Rs. 7156 crores and Rs. 3345 crores respectively.

Recognition to Business Schools

466. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Council of Technical Education has withdrawn recognition of certain Business Schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the fate of students in these institutions; and

(d) the reasons due to which Government could not ascertain full credentials of such institutions before ganting recognition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (c) During the year 2005-06, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has withdrawn approval granted to Amity Business School, NOIDA on various grounds of irregularities. Amity Business School has filed a case in this regard in the Allahabad High Court and the matter is at present *sub-judice.*

(d) Approvals are granted by AICTE initially for one year on fulfilment of the prescribed norms and standards. AICTE also monitors the continued compliance of these norms and standards in the institutions. Actions,